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Ethiopian Transports More Than One Million COVID -19 Vaccine Doses from Beijing to Harare

Addis Ababa, 31 March 2021

Ethiopian Airlines, Africa's leading Airline, has transported 1,056,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines in a single flight. Ethiopian transported the vaccines in 6 envirotainers from Beijing to Harare via Addis Ababa and arrived in Harare today 31st March 2021.

Ethiopian has also transported 300,000 vaccines donated by Chinese Government to Ethiopia. The vaccine delivery flight arrived yesterday at Addis Ababa Bole International Airport.

Regarding the shipment of the vaccines, Ethiopian Airline Group CEO, Mr. Tewelde GebreMariam said *"Today, we have delivered more than 1million vaccine doses to Zimbabwe, Harare which is indicative of our commitment to collaborate with African governments at this critical time so that Africans get access to vaccines in due time. Our efficiency in cargo transportation is growing from time to time enabling us to reach as many countries as possible. We are desirous of reaching every corner of the world with our dependable freight service."*

The airline is determined to enhance its commitment to curb the spread of the pandemic working in collaboration with governments and humanitarian organizations across the world.

It is to be recalled that Addis Ababa Bole International Airport has been chosen as a Humanitarian Air Hub for the distribution of medical supplies for Africa. Ethiopian Cargo and Logistics Services has Africa's largest cargo terminal and technologically equipped facility dubbed 'Pharma Wing' to store and ship time sensitive pharmaceuticals including vaccines.



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Note to Editor

About Ethiopian

Ethiopian Airlines (Ethiopian) is the fastest growing Airline in Africa. In its seventy plus years of operation, Ethiopian has become one of the continent's leading carriers, unrivalled in efficiency and operational success. Ethiopian commands the lion's share of the Pan-African passenger and cargo network operating the youngest and most modern fleet to 127 international passenger and cargo destinations across five continents. Ethiopian fleet includes ultra-modern and environmentally friendly aircraft such as Airbus A350, Boeing 787-8, Boeing 787-9, Boeing 777-300ER, Boeing 777-200LR, Boeing 777-200 Freighter, Bombardier Q-400 double cabin with an average fleet age of five years. In fact, Ethiopian is the first airline in Africa to own and operate these aircraft. Ethiopian is currently implementing a 15-year strategic plan called Vision 2025 that will see it become the leading aviation group in Africa with Seven business units: Ethiopian International Services; Ethiopian Cargo & Logistics Services; Ethiopian MRO Services; Ethiopian Aviation Academy; Ethiopian ADD Hub Ground Services and Ethiopian Airports Services and Ethiopian Express Services (Domestic). Ethiopian is a multi-award-winning airline registering an average growth of 25% in the past seven years.

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